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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by inserting the following sentence under the Title:

-- This application is a continuation application of application Serial No. 09/457,254 filed December 8, 1999, which claims the benefit of provisional application Serial No. 60/133,122, filed May 7 1999, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated by reference.--

Please amend the specification at page 1, second paragraph, beginning at line 6 as follows:

-- This application is related to co-pending Patent Application Serial No. 09/457,453, filed on even date herewith, entitled INJECTION ARRAY APPARATUS AND METHOD; co-pending Patent Application Serial No. 09/457,193, filed on even date herewith, entitled LATERAL NEEDLE-LESS INJECTION APPARATUS AND METHOD; and co-pending